

**Amendment No. 22 to HB4011**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 3895\***

**House Bill No. 4011**

by deleting Section 56-7-3004 of the amendatory language of Section 5 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

56-7-3004.

(a) The commissioner shall appoint an advisory committee in accordance with this section to provide advice and assistance in implementing the program, to approve the budget for Cover Tennessee that is to be submitted to the governor and to approve certain contracts and payment rates for the program. The committee shall meet on a quarterly basis, or more frequently upon request of the commissioner.

(b) Cover Tennessee shall operate as provided in this part subject to the oversight of an advisory committee composed of eleven (11) members. The commissioner shall, within ninety (90) days after July 1, 2006, give public notice of the time and place for the initial organizational meeting of the committee. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) The commissioner of finance and administration or the commissioner's designee;

(2) The commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;

(3) The commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities or the commissioner's designee;

(4) One (1) member as a representative of the Tennessee Hospital Association selected by the commissioner from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Association;

(5) One (1) member as a representative of the Tennessee Medical Association selected by the commissioner from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Association;

(6) One (1) member involved primarily as a producer in the business of health insurance selected by the commissioner;

(7) One (1) member of the general public selected by the commissioner;

(8) One (1) member selected by the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives;

(9) One (1) member selected by the Speaker of the Tennessee Senate;

(10) One (1) representative of an employer of greater than or equal to five hundred (500) employees that is self-insured, selected by the commissioner; and

(11) One (1) representative of an employer of less than five hundred (500) employees that is commercially insured, selected by the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner and the speakers, in making appointments to the committee, shall strive to ensure that the membership of the committee is representative of the state's geographic and demographic composition with appropriate attention to the representation of women and minorities.

(d) The commissioner shall, on an annual basis, designate one member of the committee to serve as chair and one member of the committee to serve as vice-chair.

(e) The committee members selected pursuant to (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6) shall serve for an original term of one (1) year. The committee members selected pursuant to (b)(8) and (b)(9) shall serve for an original term of two (2) years. The committee members selected pursuant to (b)(7), (b)(10) and (b)(11) shall serve for an original term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all committee members selected pursuant to (b)(4) through (b)(11) shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

(f) Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for all travel expenses in accordance with state travel regulations.

(g) Vacancies in the committee shall be filled by the appropriate appointing authority. Committee members may be removed by their respective appointing authority for cause.

(h) The committee shall approve the text of any contract to provide health benefit coverage with a contractor before such contract may be entered into by the department. The committee shall also approve the proposed budget to be submitted to the governor as expenditure estimates pursuant to Section 9-4-5103. The committee shall also approve payment rates for providing health benefit coverage under this part before such payments may be made.